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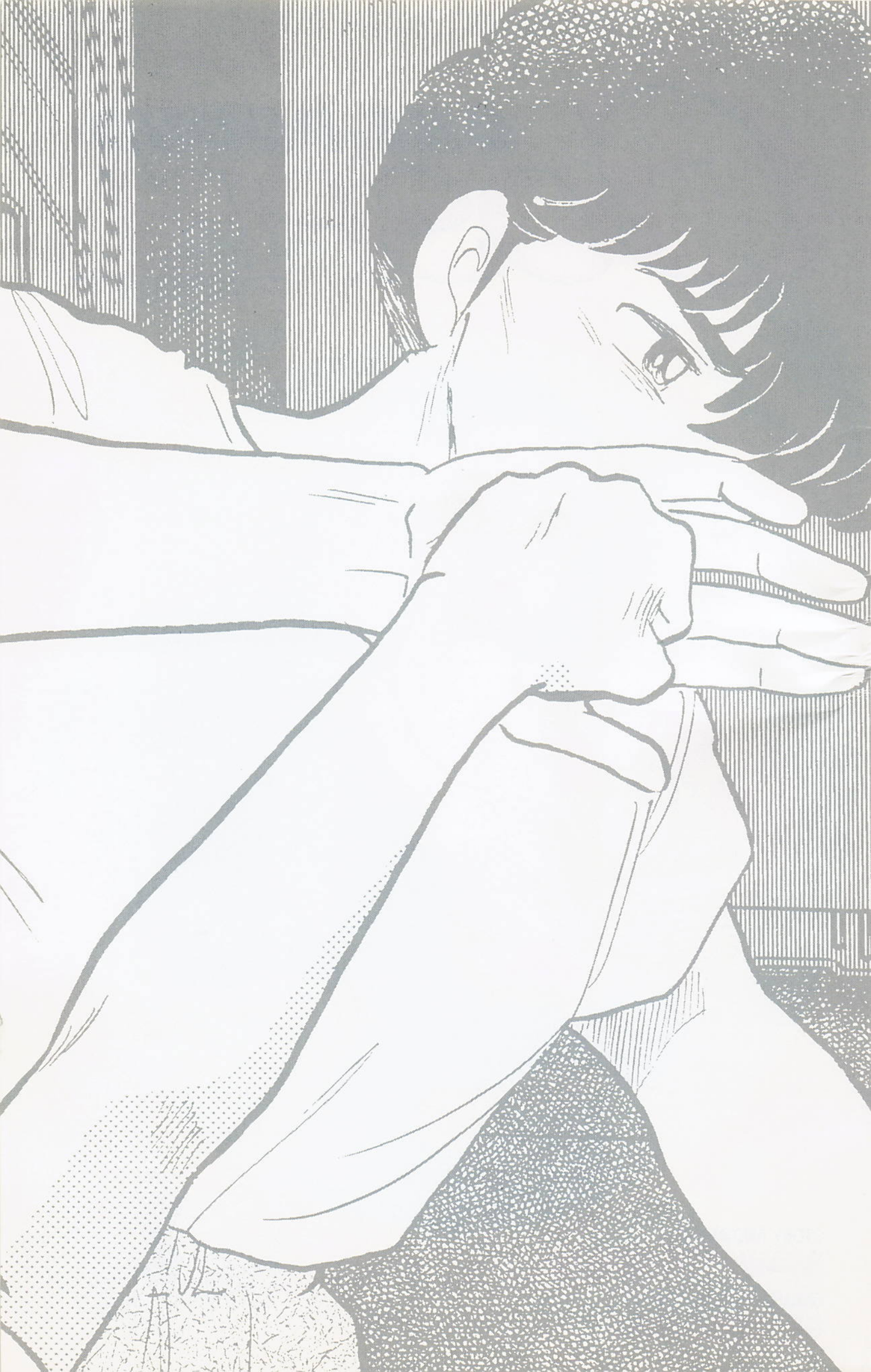

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Name: **COACH MUKAIDA**
Identity: OWNER OF MUKAIDA'S GYM
Notes: Coach is fed-up with Kosaku's "feeding up"!

Name: **YOSHIHIKO**
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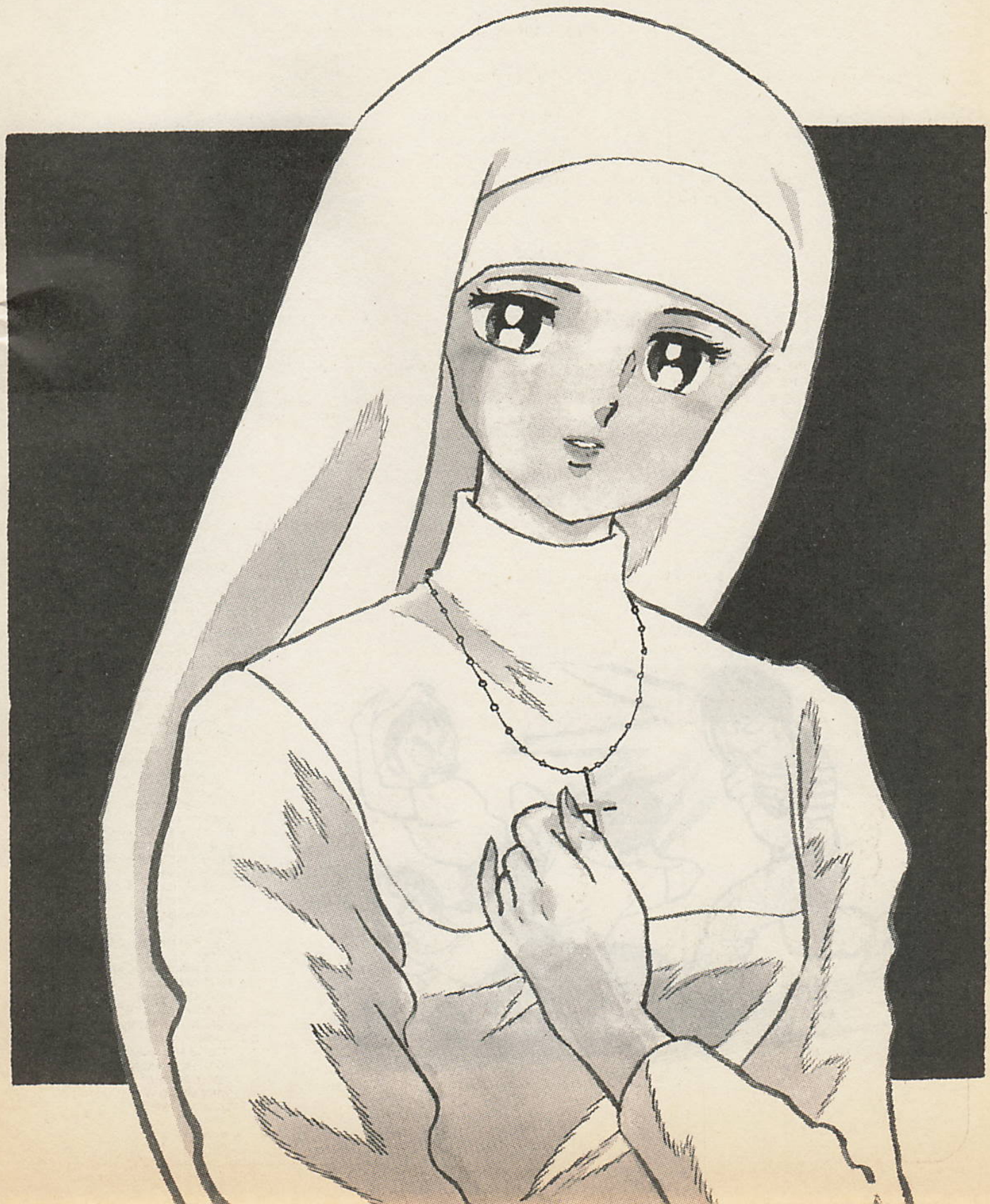
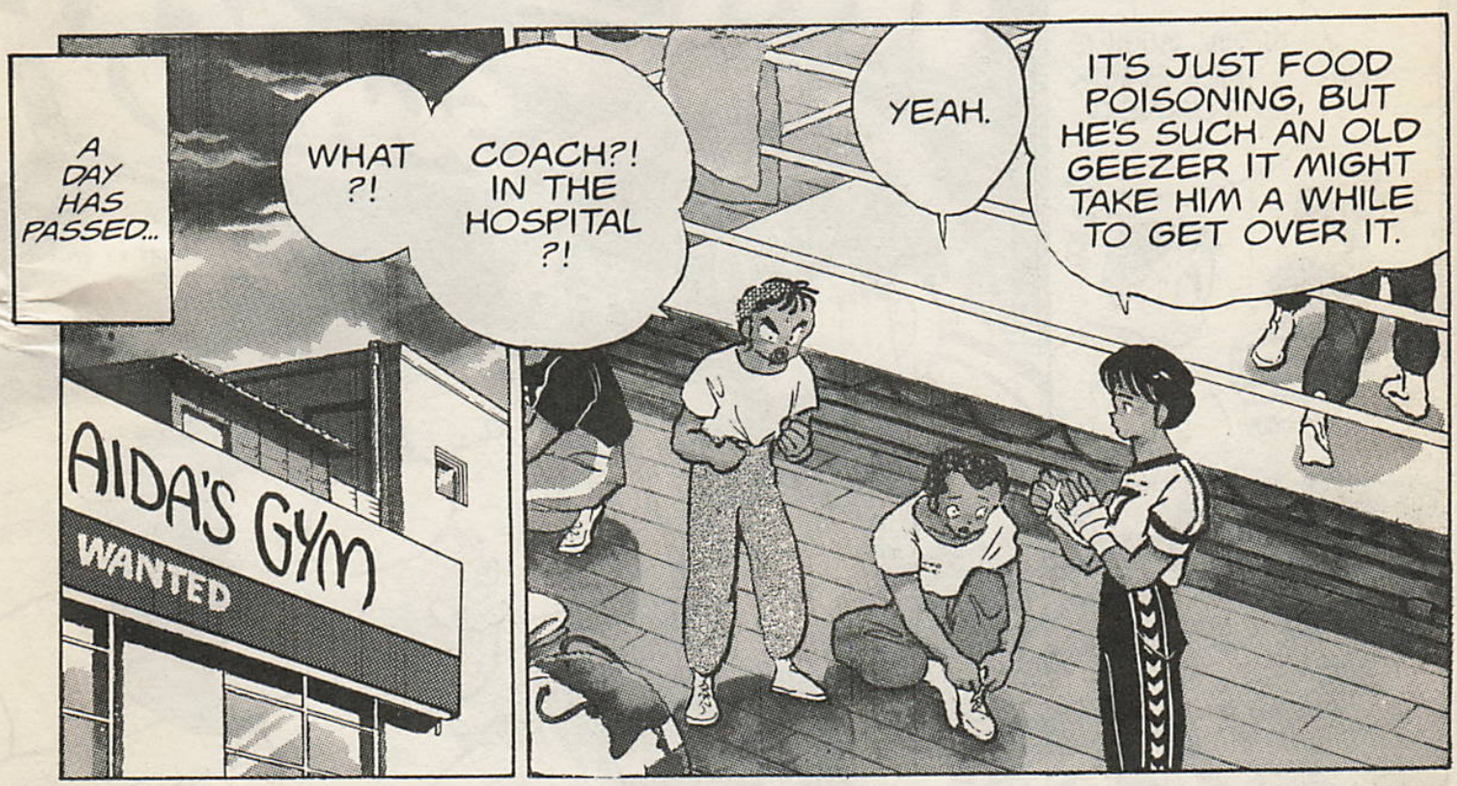
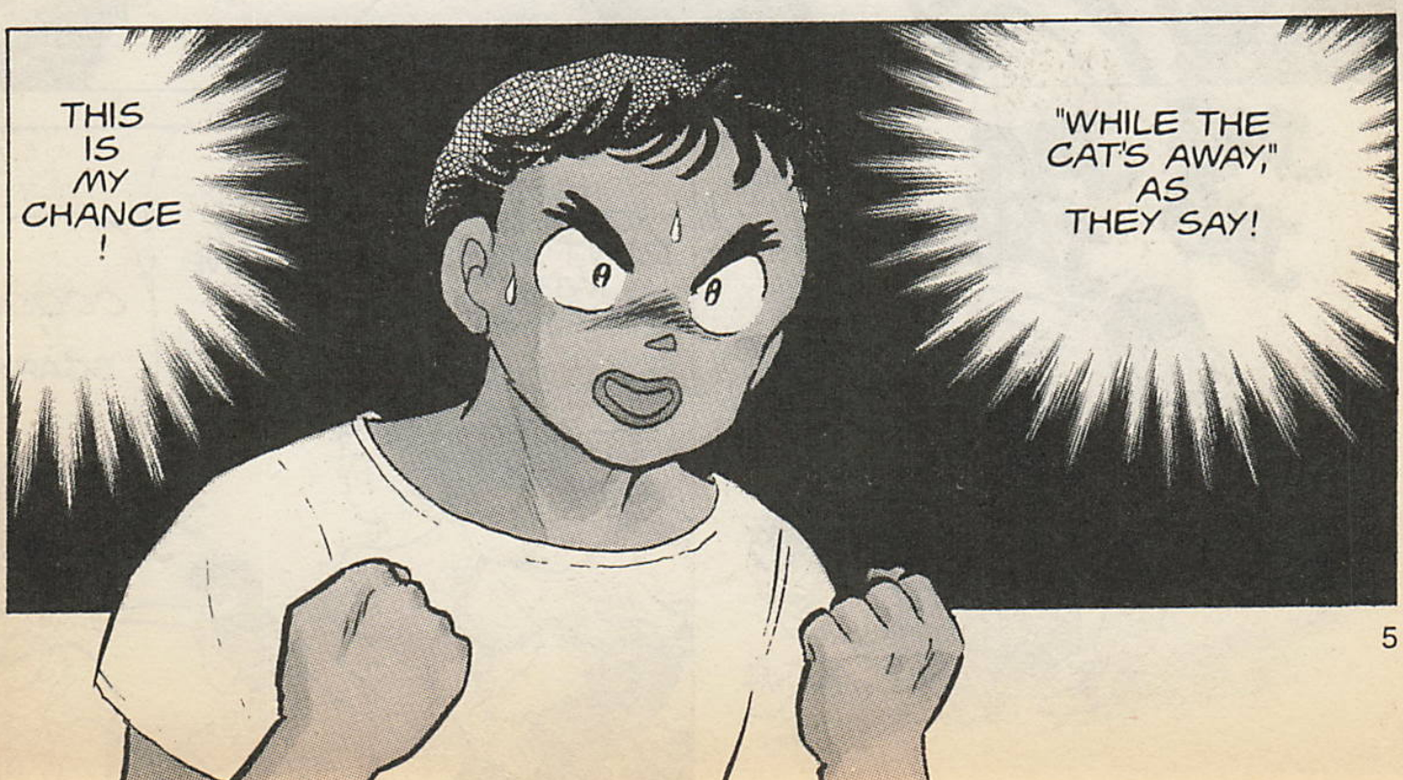
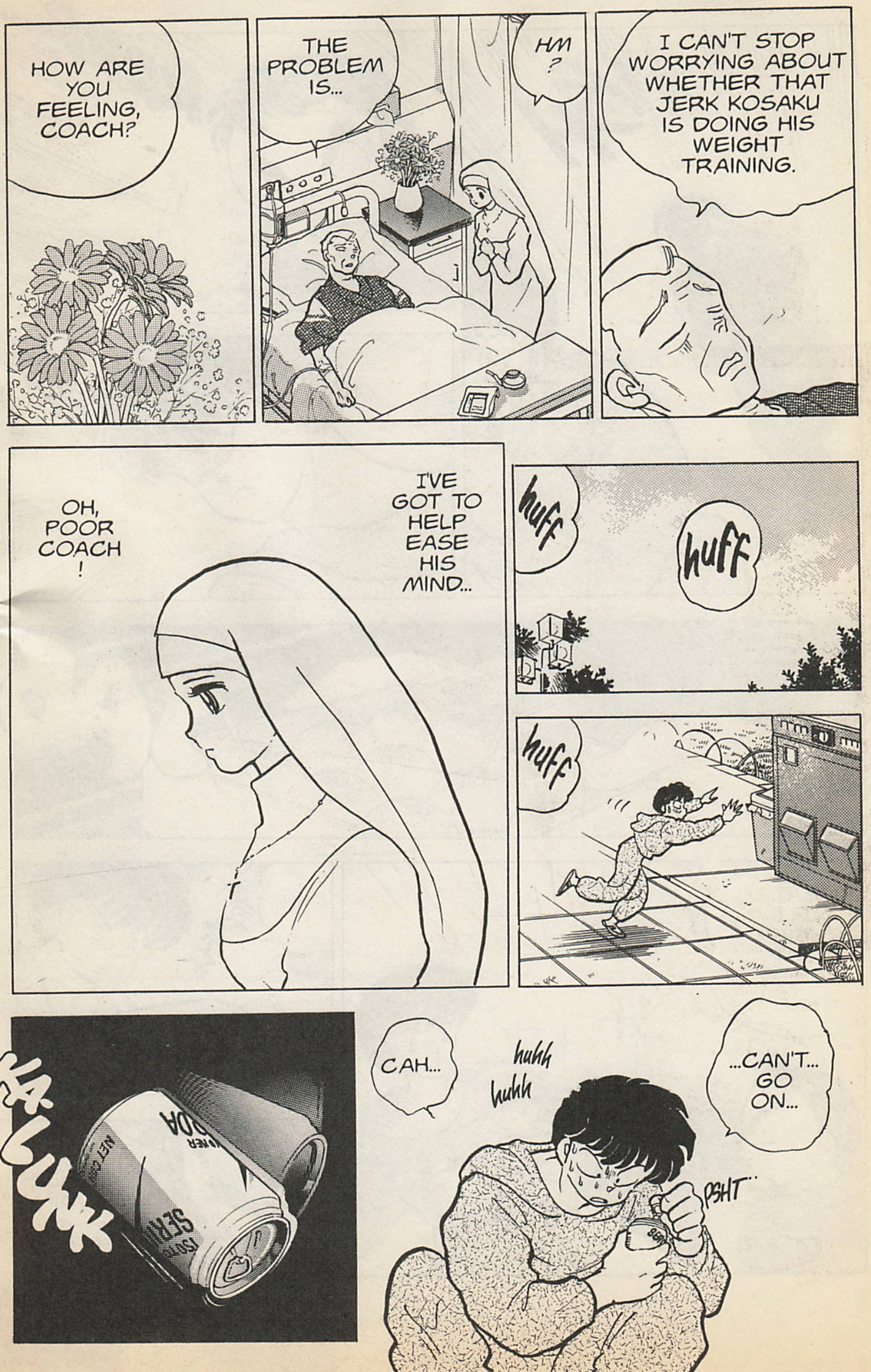


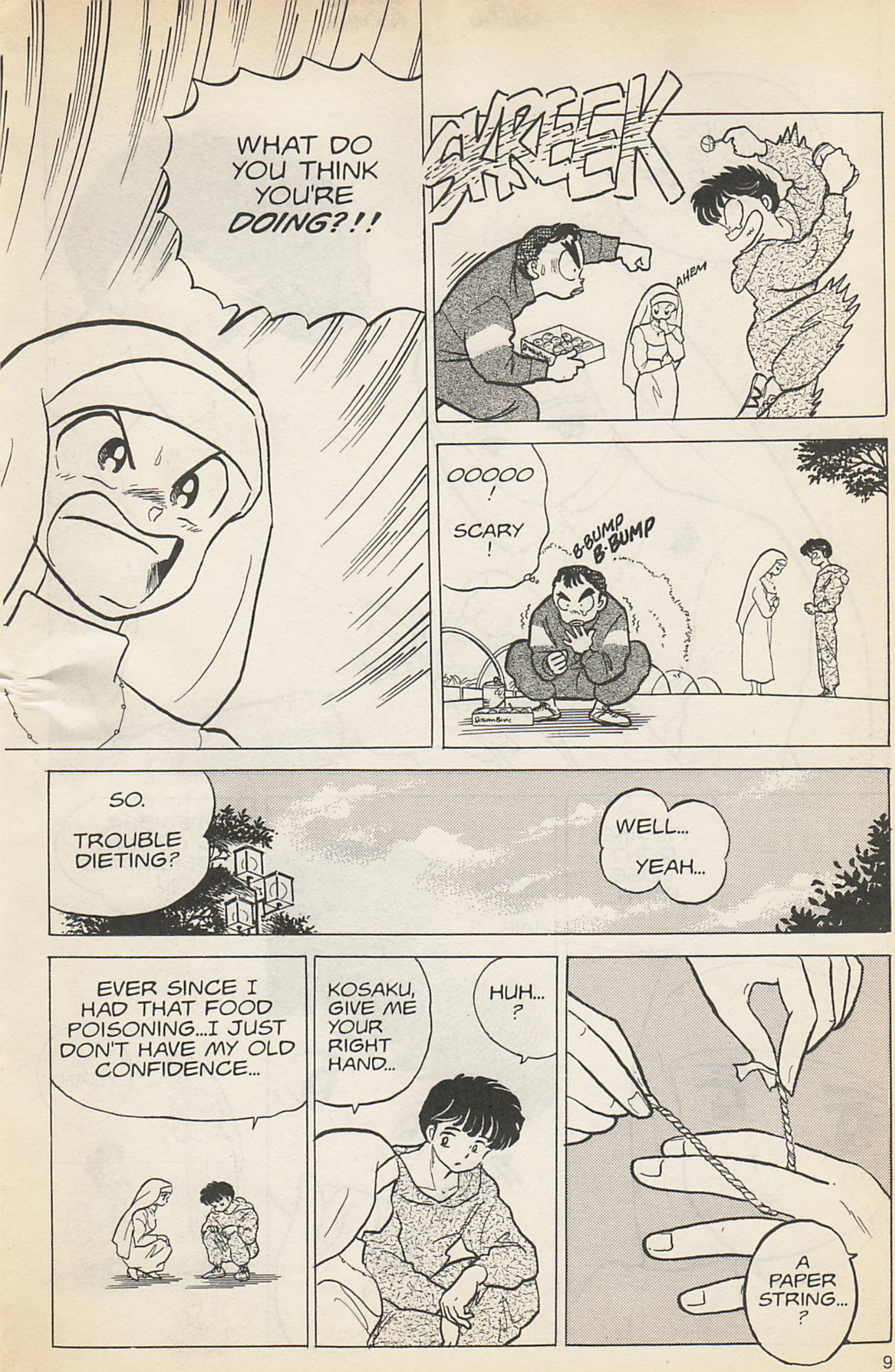

A DAY HAS PASSED...
AIDA'S GYM
WANTED
WHAT ?!
COACH?! IN THE HOSPITAL ?!
YEAH.
IT'S JUST FOOD POISONING, BUT HE'S SUCH AN OLD GEEZER IT MIGHT TAKE HIM A WHILE TO GET OVER IT.


THIS IS MY CHANCE !
"WHILE THE CAT'S AWAY," AS THEY SAY!

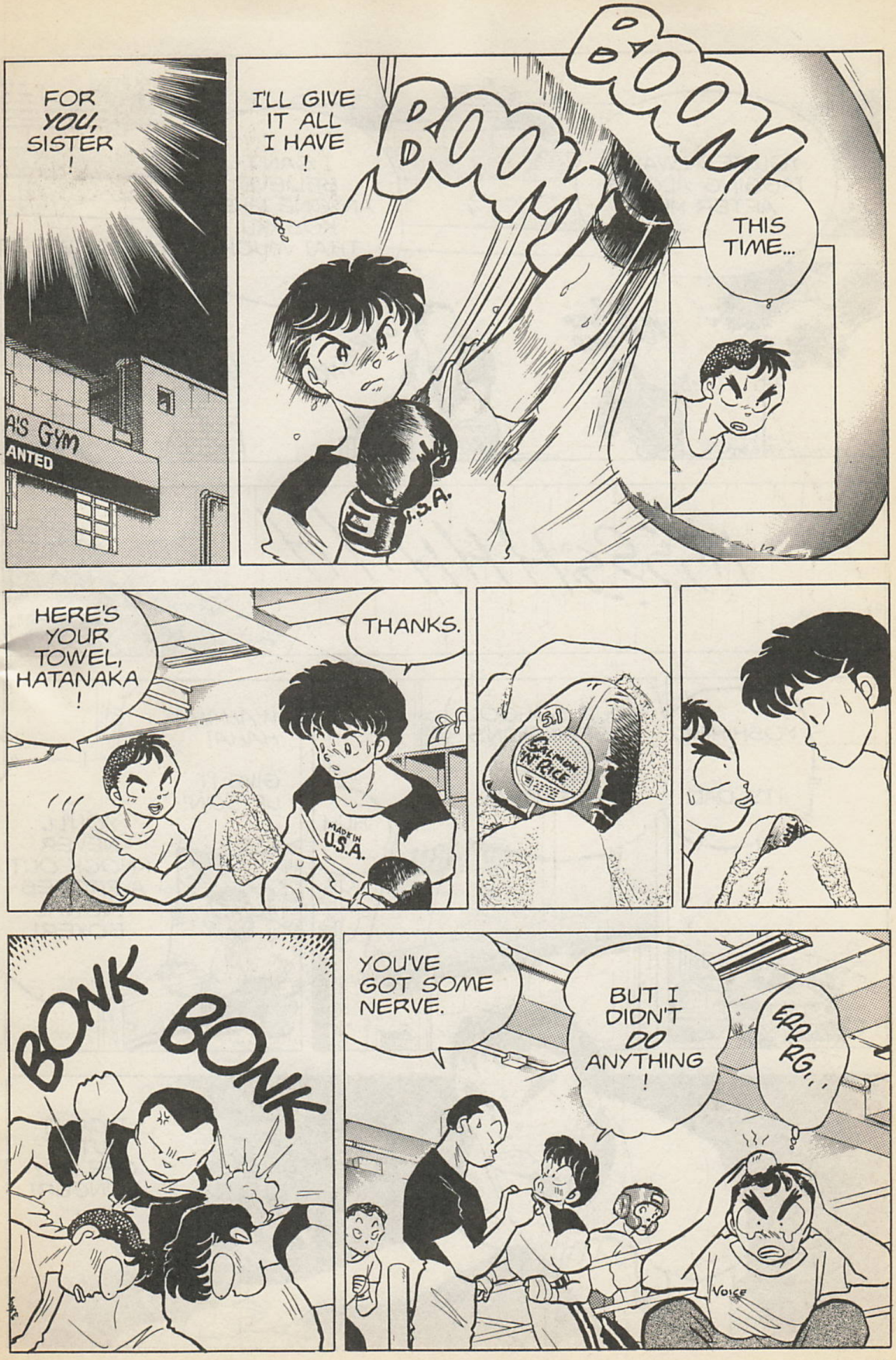
IF I KNOCK OUT THE STRONGEST BOXER IN THE TOKYO GYM, WILL YOU LET ME BECOME A BOXER?!
YOSHIHIKO-- THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE. IMPOSSIBLE!
HEH...
NOW...WHILE HIS BACK IS TURNED...
JAB JAB
PPP...
VWIP
SWOOSH
HUH ?
JAB JAB JAB JAB
ACK !
WHOA !
WAAH !
HEY, YOSHIHIKO. DON'T MESS WITH HATANAKA.
HE'S SO HUNGRY, HE'S GONE FERAL.
OOOOO ! SCARY !
BBUMP BBUMP
JAB JAB

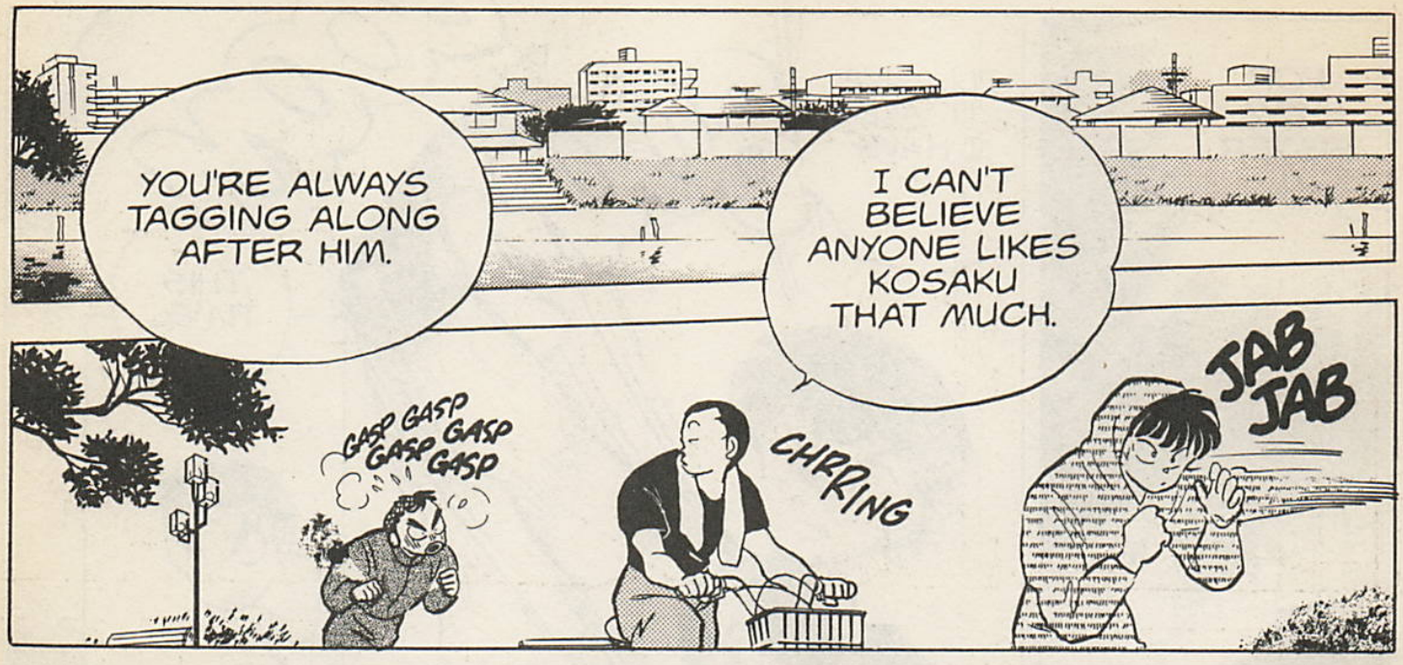

HOW ARE YOU FEELING, COACH?
THE PROBLEM IS...
HM?
I CAN'T STOP WORRYING ABOUT WHETHER THAT JERK KOSAKU IS DOING HIS WEIGHT TRAINING.
OH, POOR COACH!
I'VE GOT TO HELP EASE HIS MIND...
huff
huff
huff
KA-LUNK
CAH...
huhh
huhh
...CAN'T... GO ON...
PSHT..

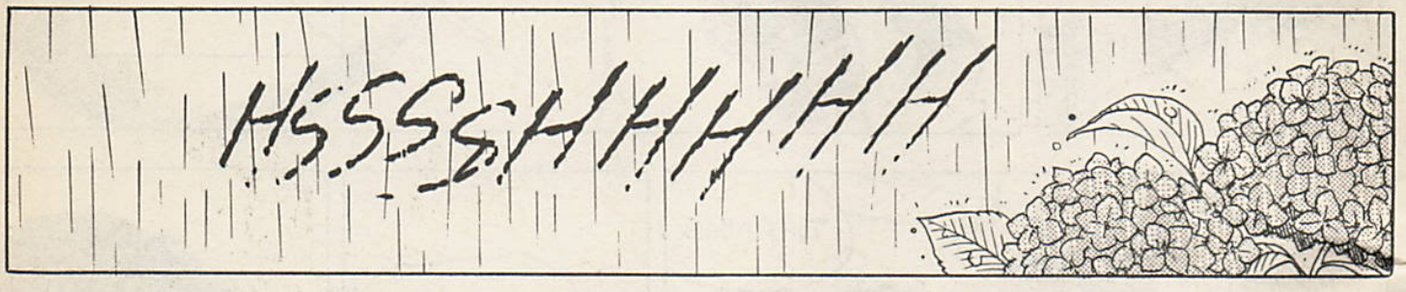
USH
RRRR...
HAH!
JAB
EAT. IT'LL HELP YOUR MOOD.
OCTOPUS BUNS
OHH...
TREMBLE...
HE'S MINE !!

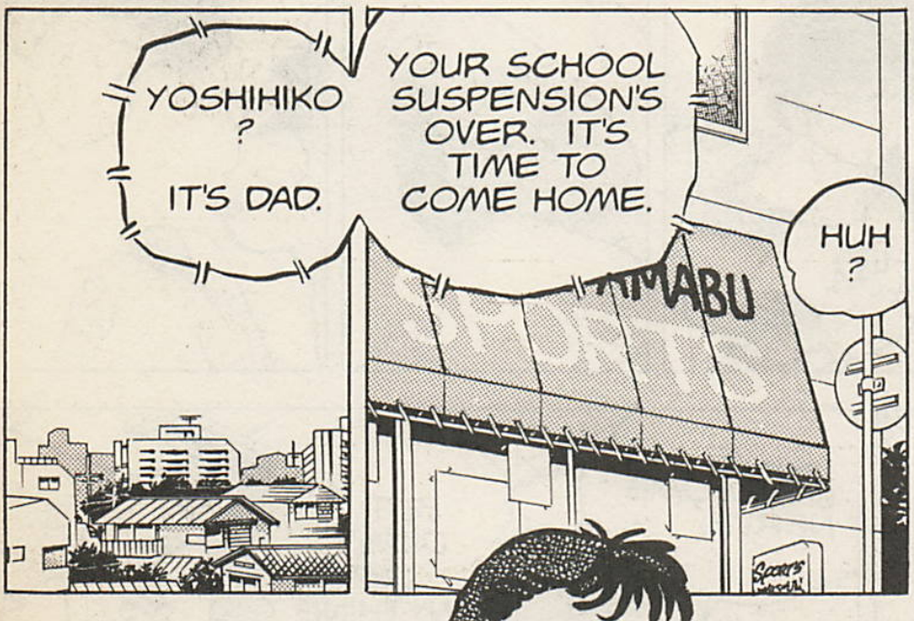

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!!
SQUEEK
AHEM
OOOOO!
SCARY!
B-BUMP B-BUMP
SO. TROUBLE DIETING?
WELL... YEAH...
EVER SINCE I HAD THAT FOOD POISONING...I JUST DON'T HAVE MY OLD CONFIDENCE...
KOSAKU, GIVE ME YOUR RIGHT HAND...
HUH...?
A PAPER STRING...?

INSIDE THIS IS A STRAND OF HAIR.
PLEASE, DON'T LOSE FAITH...
SISTER ANGELA'S HAIR...?!
THROB
REMEMBER, THE COACH IS DEPENDING ON YOU.
Y... YEAH...

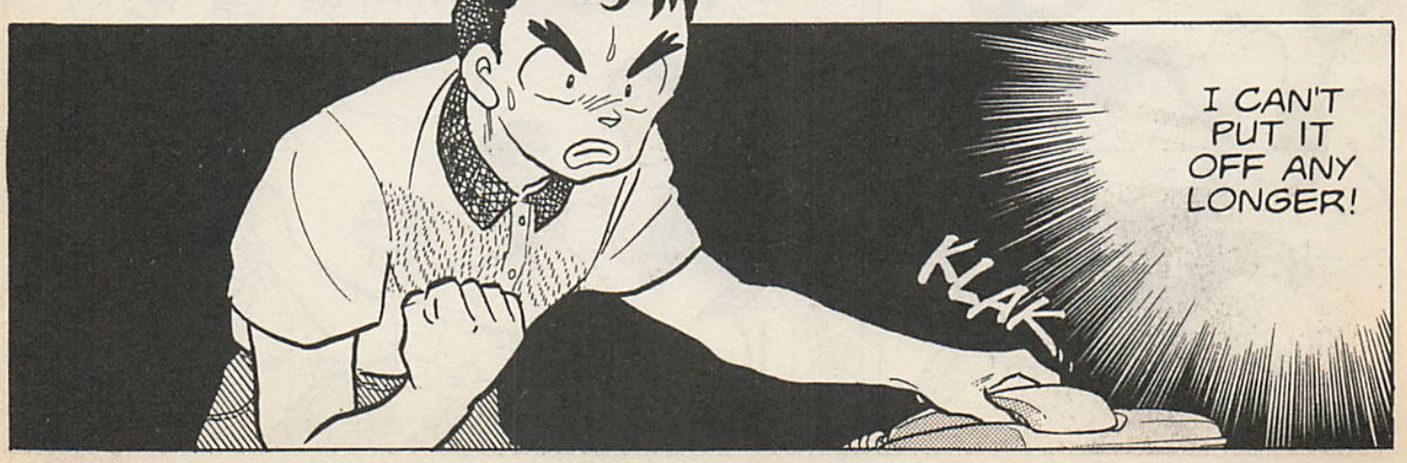

FOR YOU, SISTER !
I'LL GIVE IT ALL I HAVE !
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
THIS TIME...
U.S.A.
HERE'S YOUR TOWEL, HATANAKA !
THANKS.
MADE IN U.S.A.
5.1
SALMON 'N RICE
BONK
BONK
YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE.
BUT I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING !
ERR RG...
VOICE

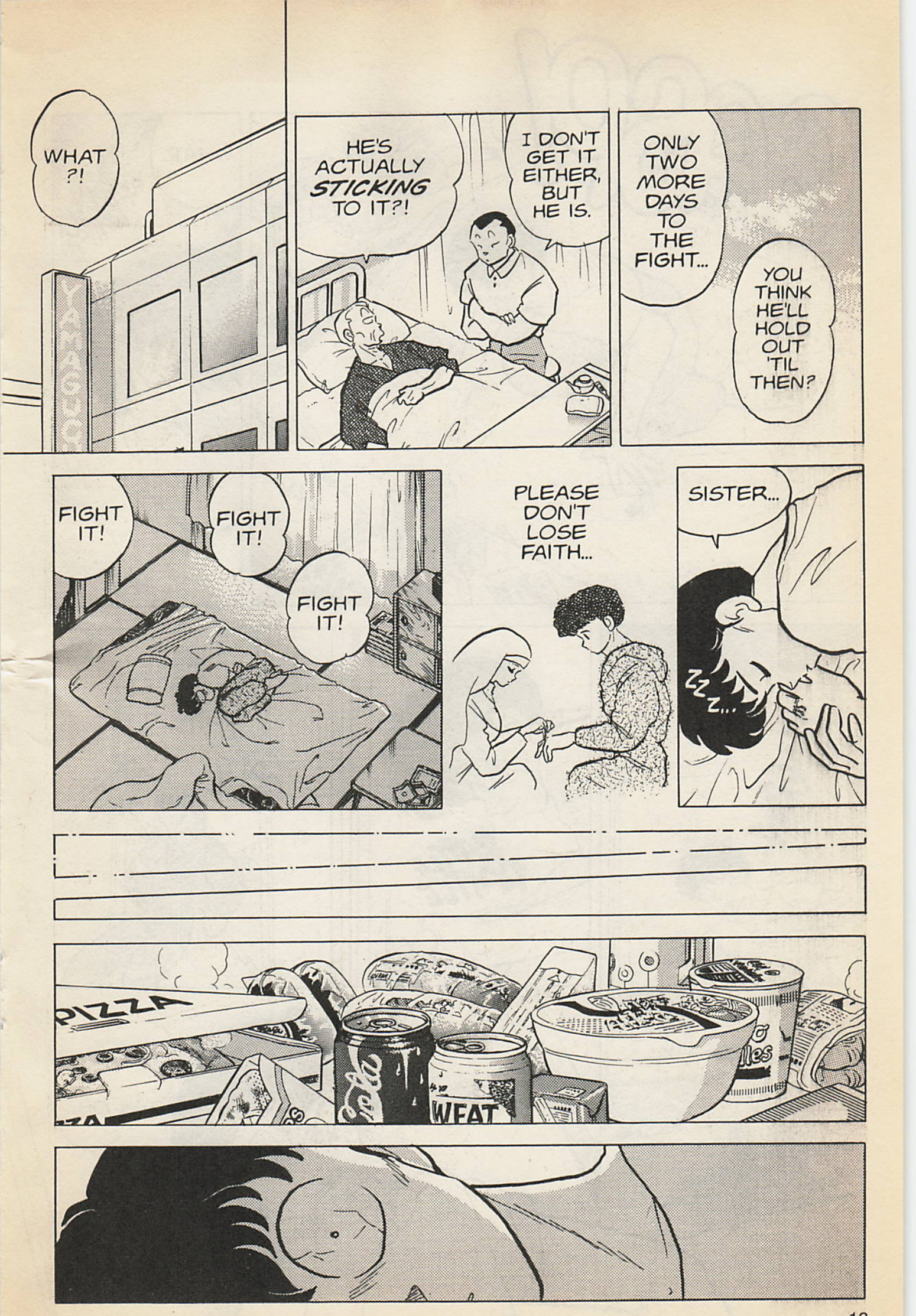

YOU'RE ALWAYS TAGGING ALONG AFTER HIM.
I CAN'T BELIEVE ANYONE LIKES KOSAKU THAT MUCH.
GASP GASP GASP GASP GASP
CHRRING
JAB JAB

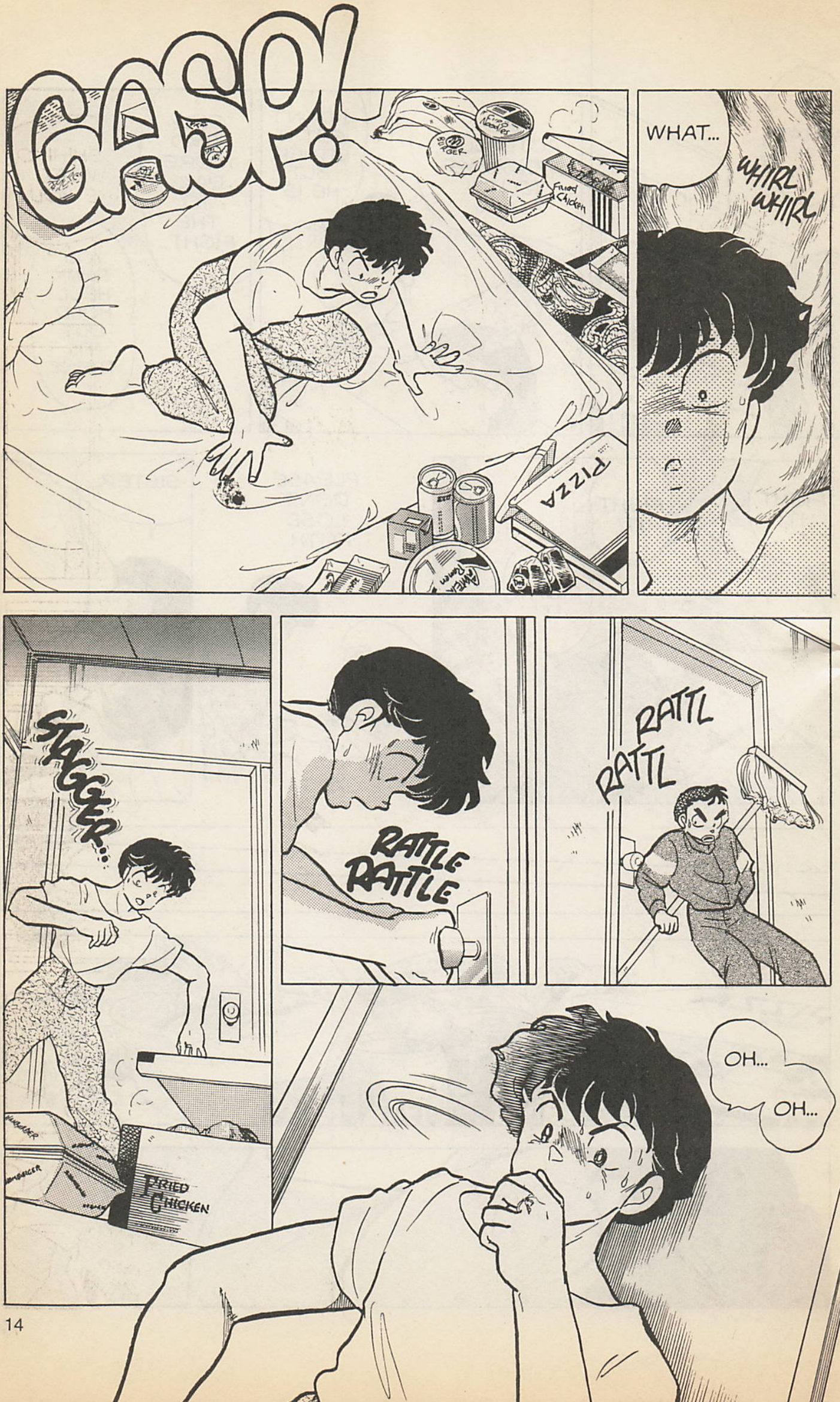

HSSSHHHHH


YOSHIHIKO ?
IT'S DAD.
YOUR SCHOOL SUSPENSION'S OVER. IT'S TIME TO COME HOME.
HUH ?
SPORTS

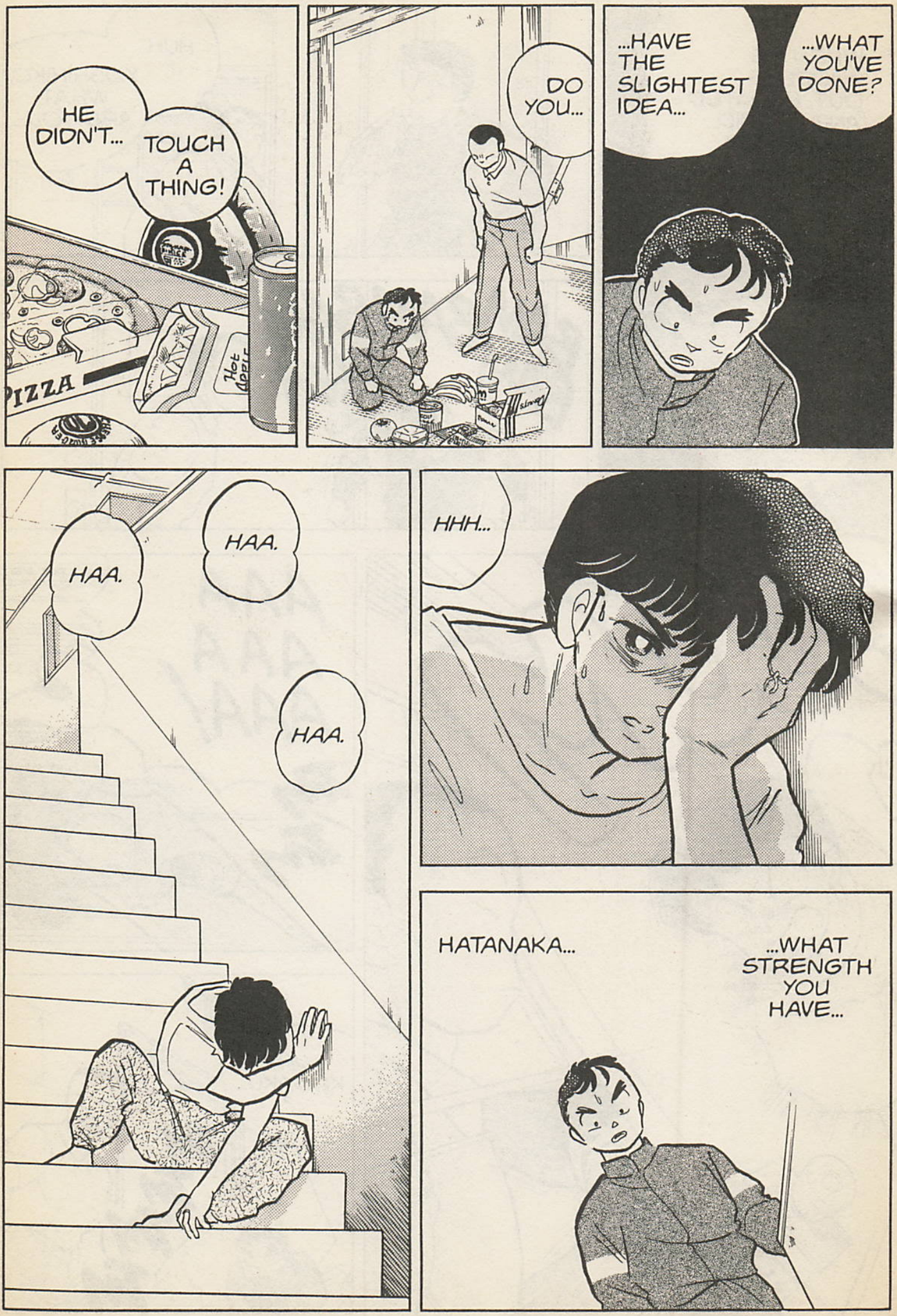
WAHAHA-HAHA!
GIVE IT UP, SON!
YOU'LL NEVER KNOCK OUT A PROFES-SIONAL BOXER!


I CAN'T PUT IT OFF ANY LONGER!
KLAK

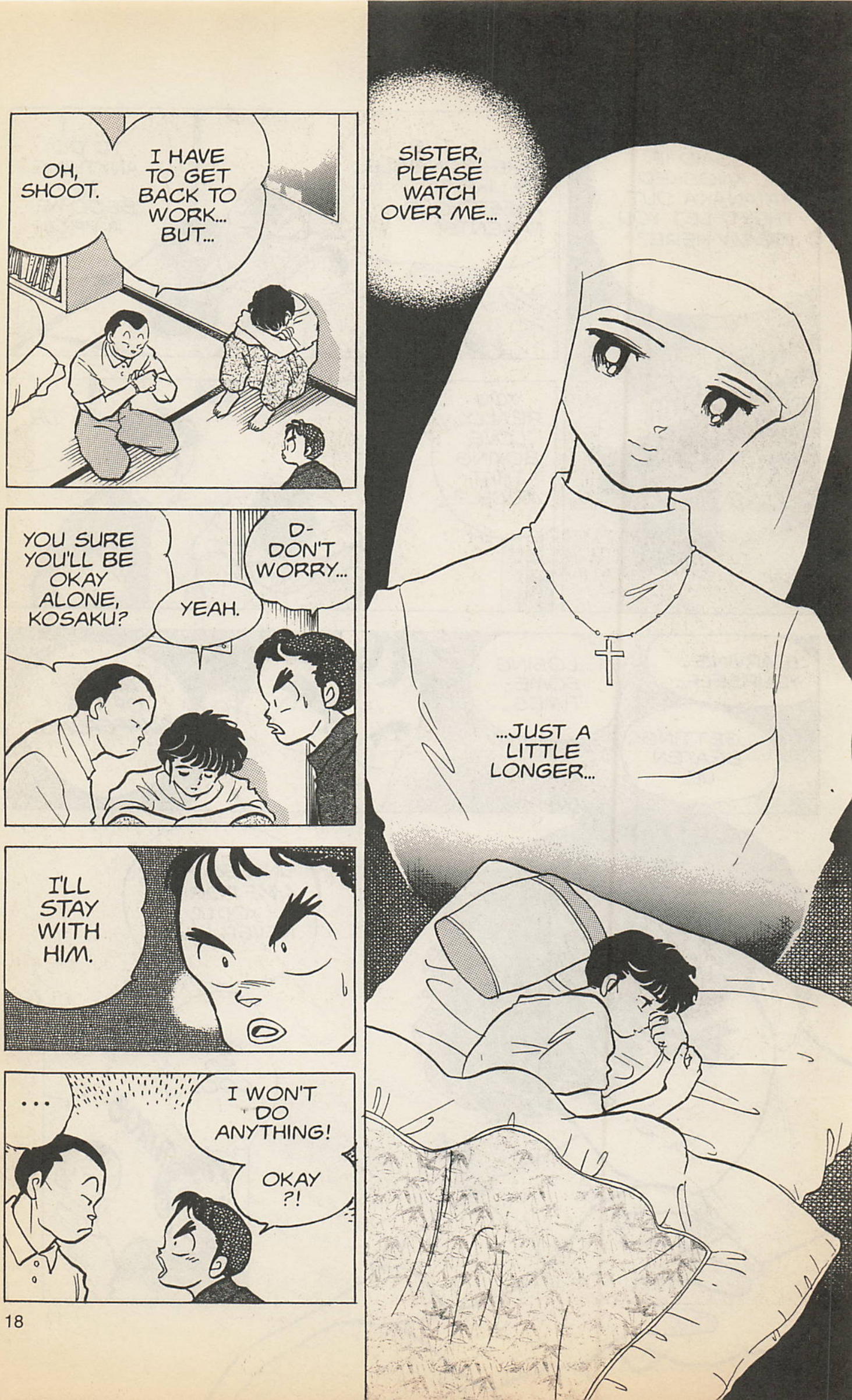

WHAT ?!
HE'S ACTUALLY STICKING TO IT?!
I DON'T GET IT EITHER, BUT HE IS.
ONLY TWO MORE DAYS TO THE FIGHT...
YOU THINK HE'LL HOLD OUT 'TIL THEN?
FIGHT IT!
FIGHT IT!
FIGHT IT!
PLEASE DON'T LOSE FAITH...
SISTER...
ZZZ...
PIZZA
WHEAT

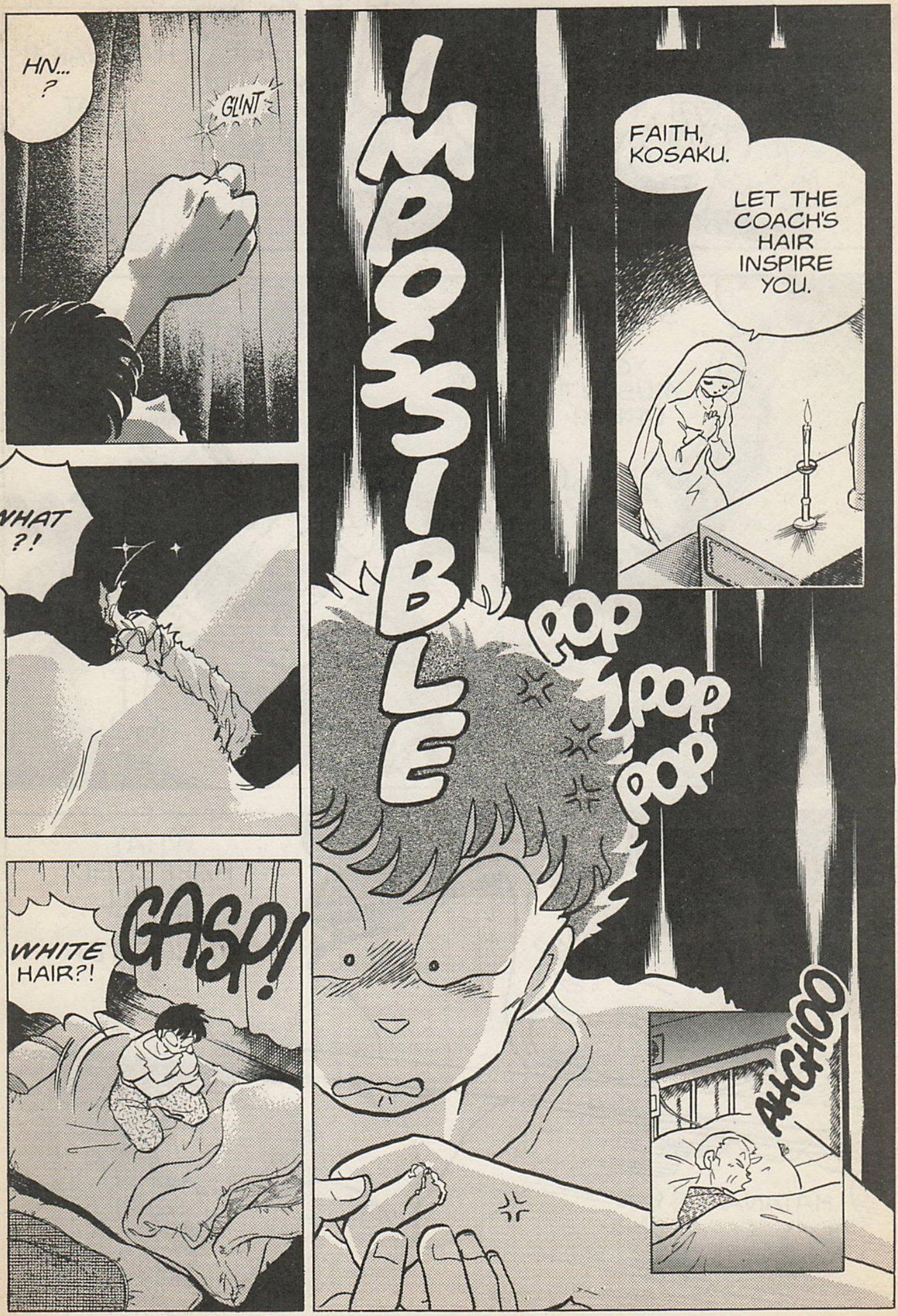

GASP!
Fried Chicken
PIZZA
WHAT...
WHIRL WHIRL
STAGGER
RATTLE RATTLE
RATTL RATTL
FRIED CHICKEN
OH... OH...

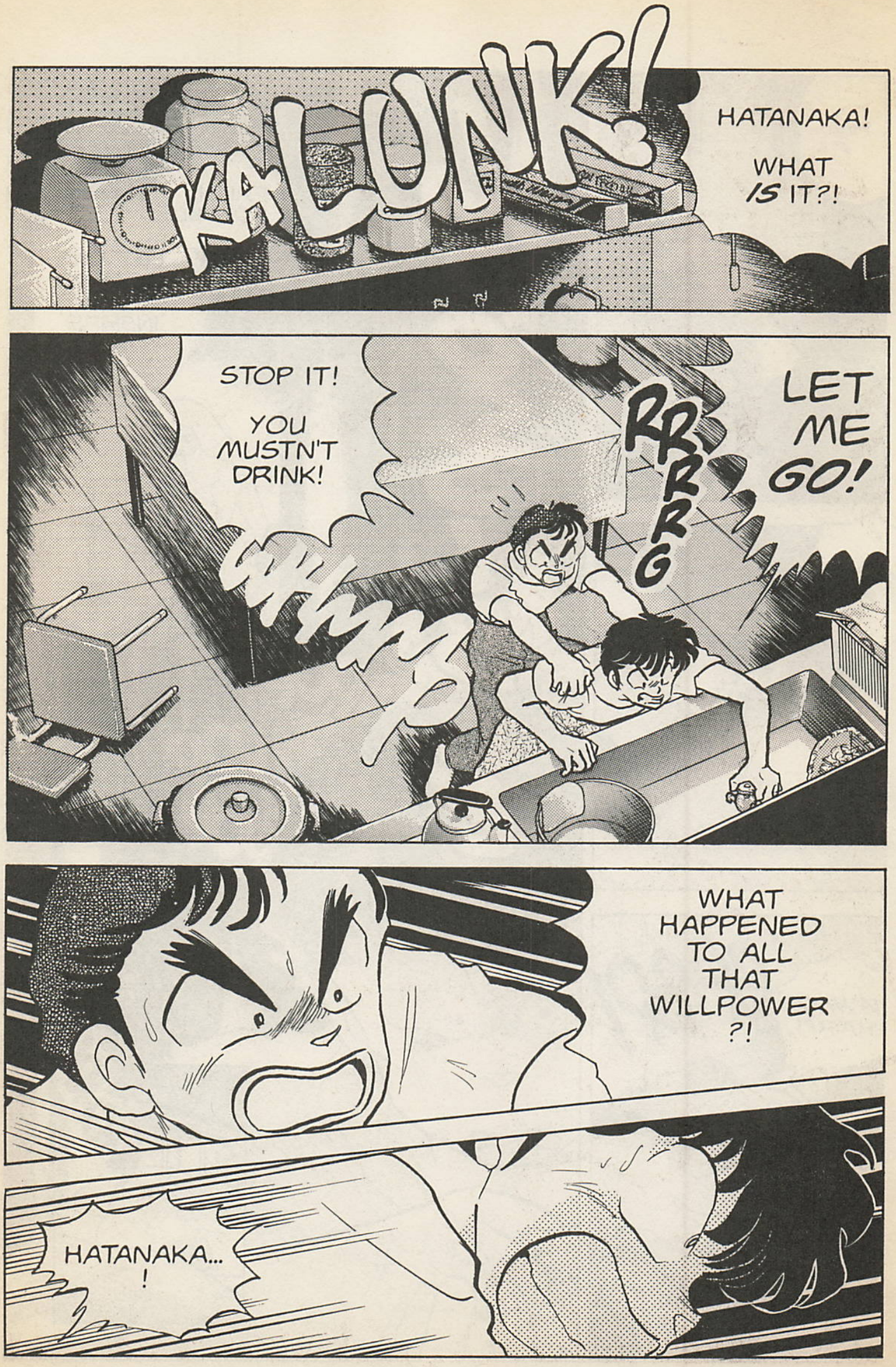
WHEN HE WADDLES OUT, BLOATED AND STUPID... IT'S OVER!
HUH ?
YOSHIHIKO, WHAT ARE YOU...
GUTS
BAM BAM BAM BAM BAM
BOOM
AAA AAA AAA!
UH... KOSAKU... ?

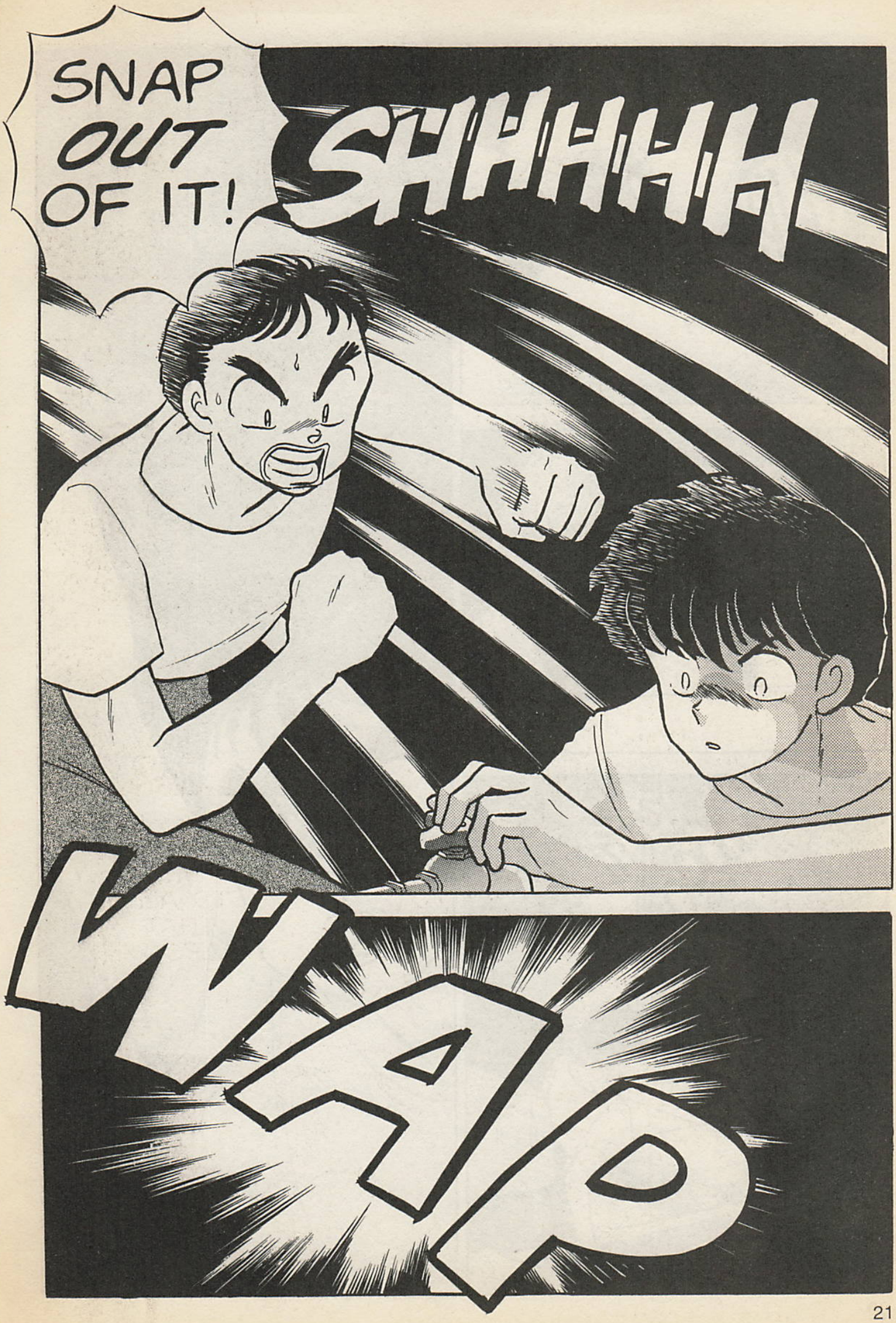

HE DIDN'T...
TOUCH A THING!
PIZZA
DO YOU...
...HAVE THE SLIGHTEST IDEA...
...WHAT YOU'VE DONE?
HAA.
HAA.
HAA.
HHH...
HATANAKA...
...WHAT STRENGTH YOU HAVE...

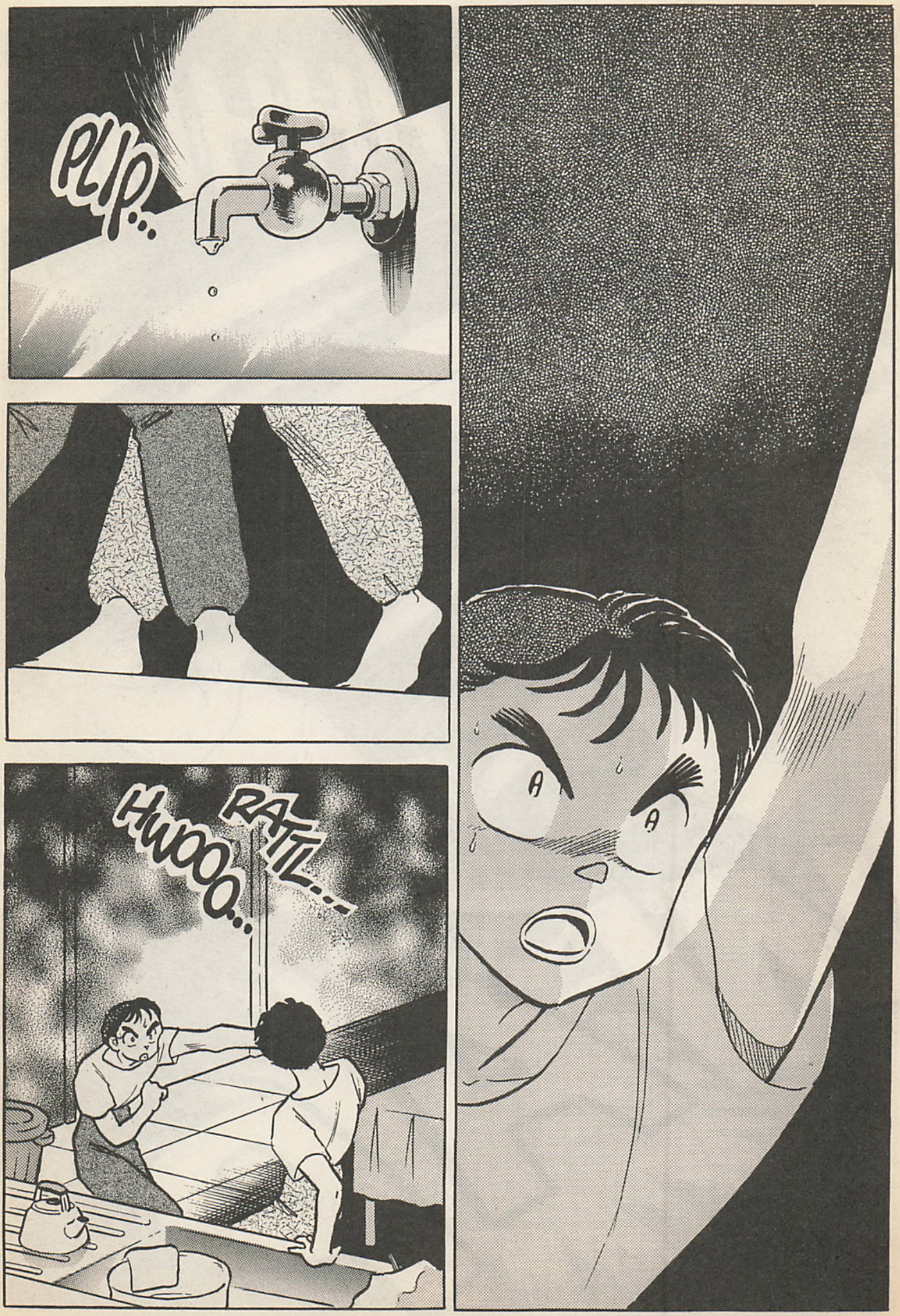
THEY SAID IF YOU KNOCKED HATANAKA OUT THEY'D LET YOU TRAIN HERE?
KAIDA'S GYM
ERS WANTED
OF ALL THE IRRESPONSIBLE... I'D LIKE TO MEET YOUR PARENTS!
I'D DO ANYTHING TO BECOME A PRO.
YOU REALLY... LOVE BOXING THAT MUCH...?
UH...
STARVING YOURSELF...
...LOSING SOME-TIMES...
...GETTING BEATEN UP...
MOST OF IT'S SUFFERING.
UNLESS YOU LIVE FOR IT... YOU'LL NEVER LAST.
heh...
HE'S SO COOL!
...
THROB


SISTER, PLEASE WATCH OVER ME...
...JUST A LITTLE LONGER...
OH, SHOOT.
I HAVE TO GET BACK TO WORK... BUT...
YOU SURE YOU'LL BE OKAY ALONE, KOSAKU?
YEAH.
D-DON'T WORRY...
I'LL STAY WITH HIM.
...
I WON'T DO ANYTHING!
OKAY ?!

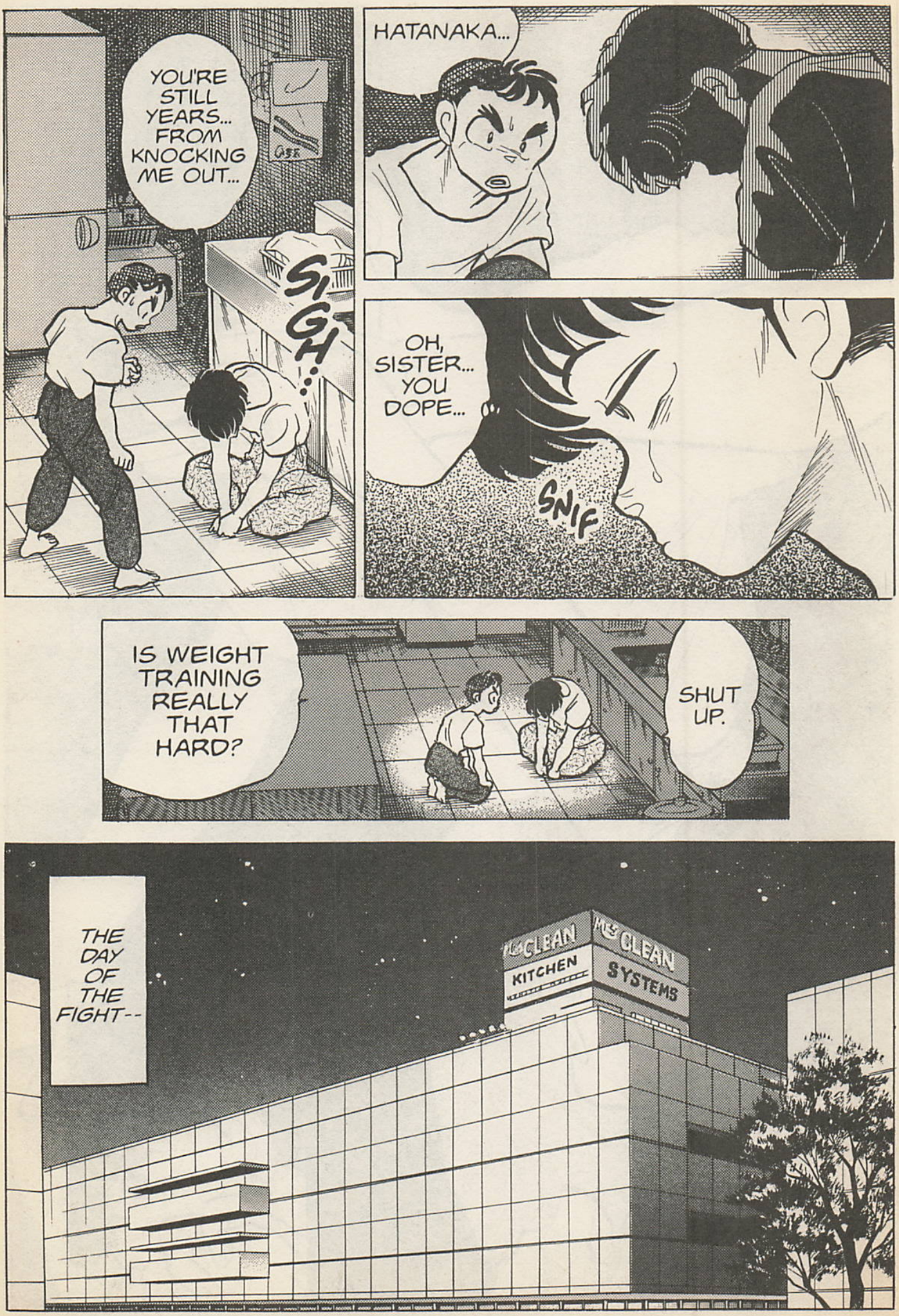

HN... ?
GLINT
FAITH, KOSAKU.
LET THE COACH'S HAIR INSPIRE YOU.
IMPOSSIBLE
POP POP POP
WHAT ?!
GASP!
WHITE HAIR?!
AHCHOO

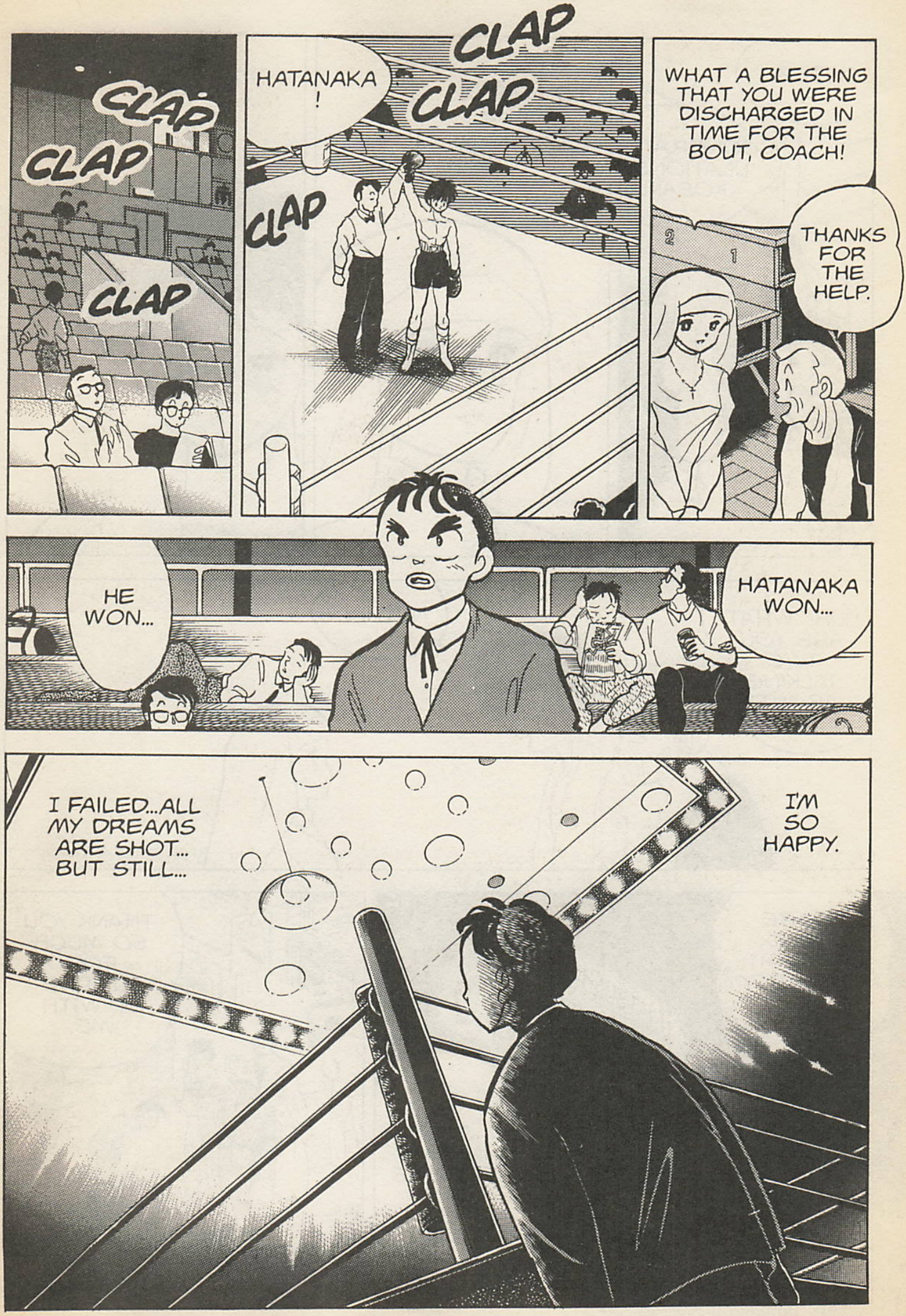

KALUNK!
HATANAKA!
WHAT IS IT?!
STOP IT!
YOU MUSTN'T DRINK!
WHMP
RRRRG
LET ME GO!
WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THAT WILLPOWER ?!
HATANAKA... !

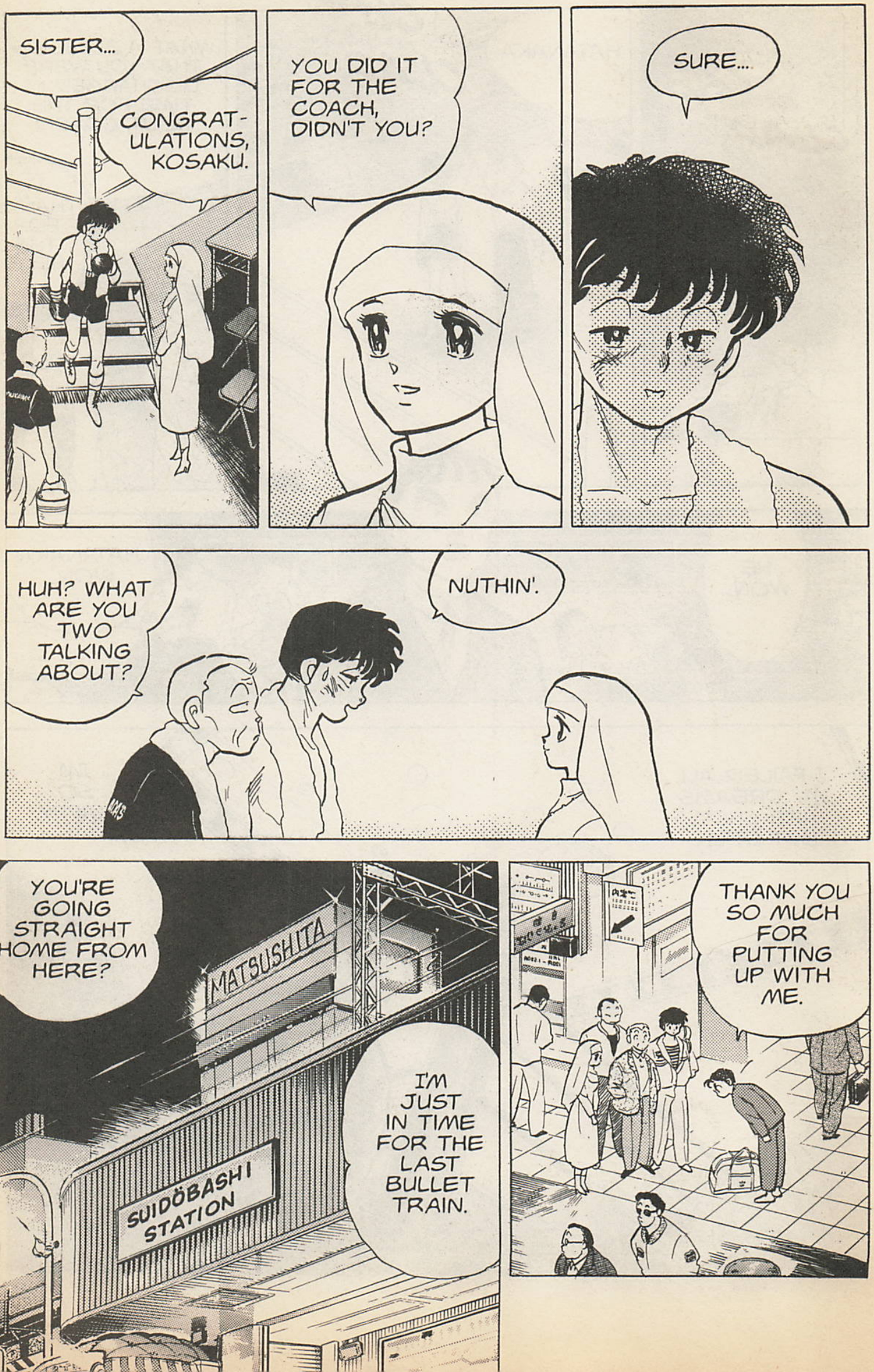

SNAP OUT OF IT!
SHHHHH
WHAP

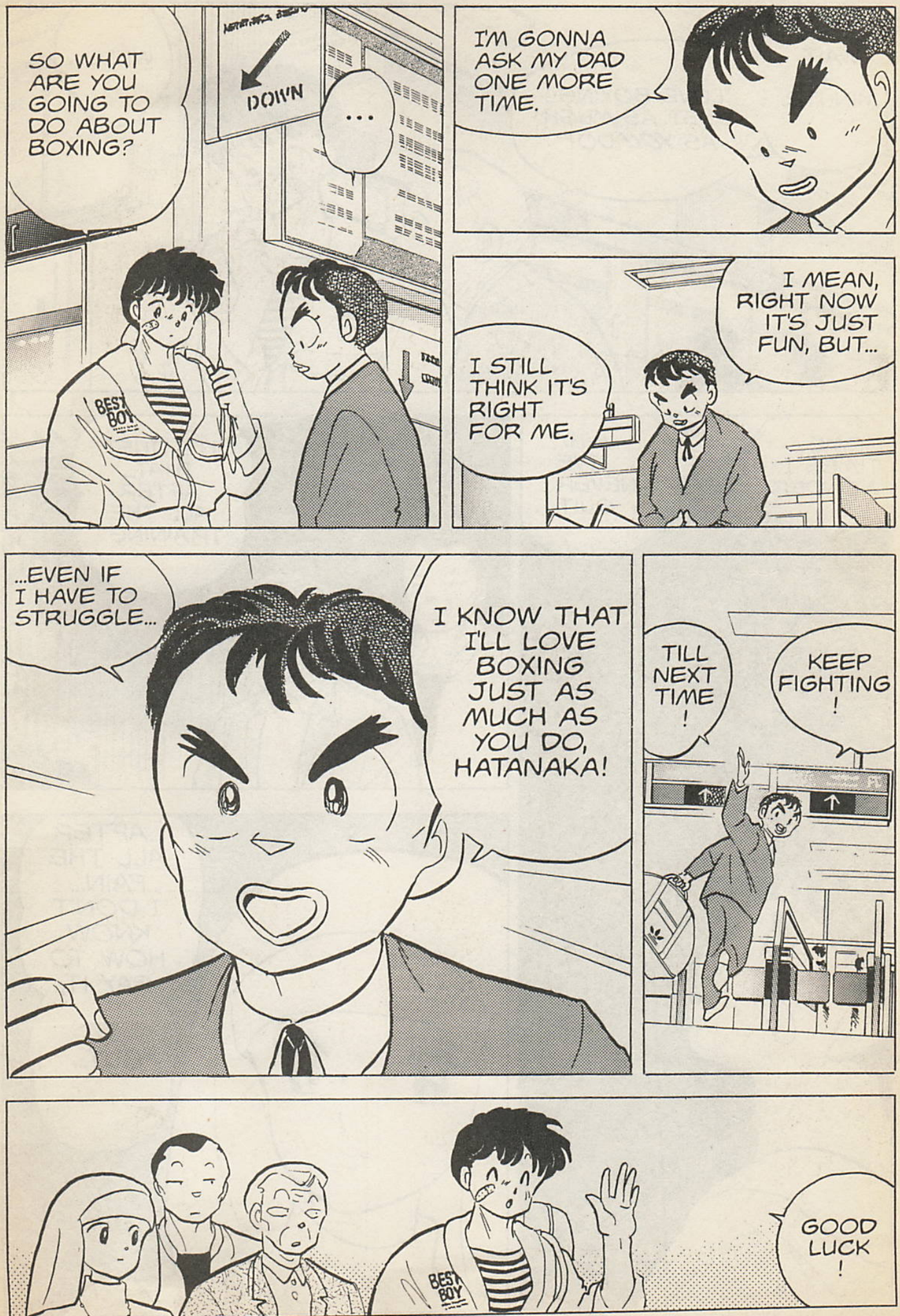

PLIP...
A
A
RATTL...
HWOOO...

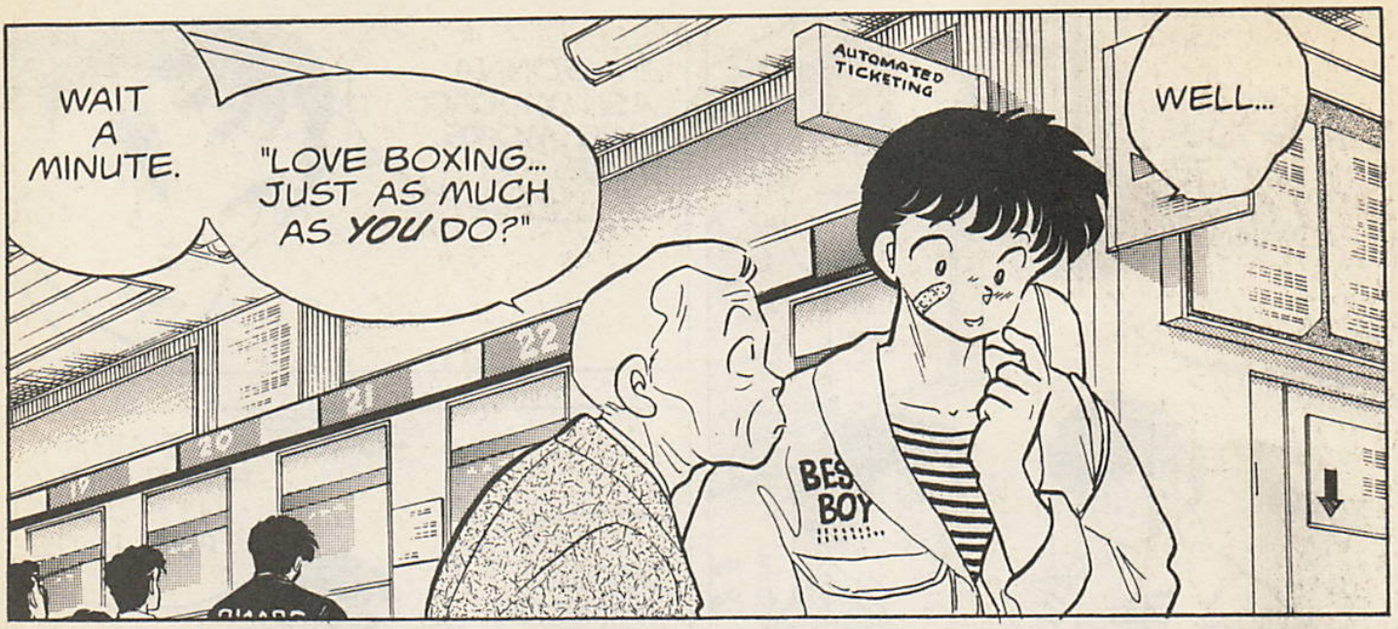
YOU IDIOT.


YOU'RE STILL YEARS... FROM KNOCKING ME OUT...
SIGH...
HATANAKA...
OH, SISTER... YOU DOPE...
SNIF
IS WEIGHT TRAINING REALLY THAT HARD?
SHUT UP.
THE DAY OF THE FIGHT--
CLEAN KITCHEN
CLEAN SYSTEMS

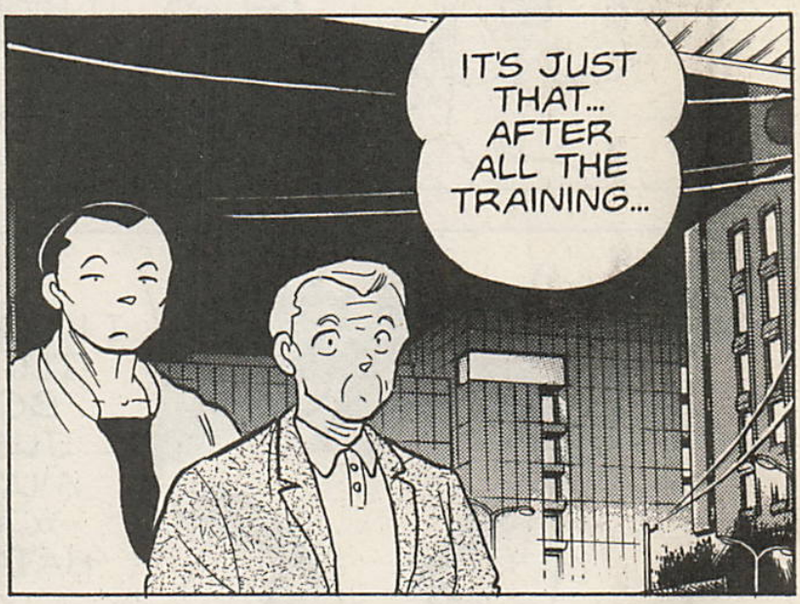

CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
HATANAKA !
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
WHAT A BLESSING THAT YOU WERE DISCHARGED IN TIME FOR THE BOUT, COACH!
THANKS FOR THE HELP.
HE WON...
HATANAKA WON...
I FAILED...ALL MY DREAMS ARE SHOT... BUT STILL...
I'M SO HAPPY.

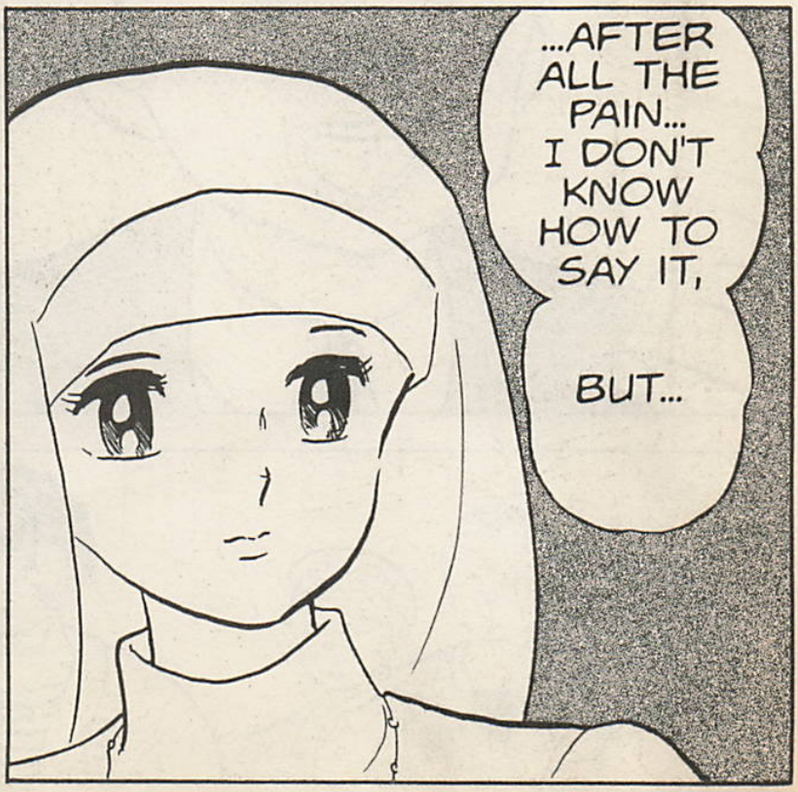

SISTER...
CONGRAT-ULATIONS, KOSAKU.
YOU DID IT FOR THE COACH, DIDN'T YOU?
SURE...
HUH? WHAT ARE YOU TWO TALKING ABOUT?
NUTHIN'.
YOU'RE GOING STRAIGHT HOME FROM HERE?
MATSUSHITA
SUIDÖBASHI STATION
I'M JUST IN TIME FOR THE LAST BULLET TRAIN.
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR PUTTING UP WITH ME.

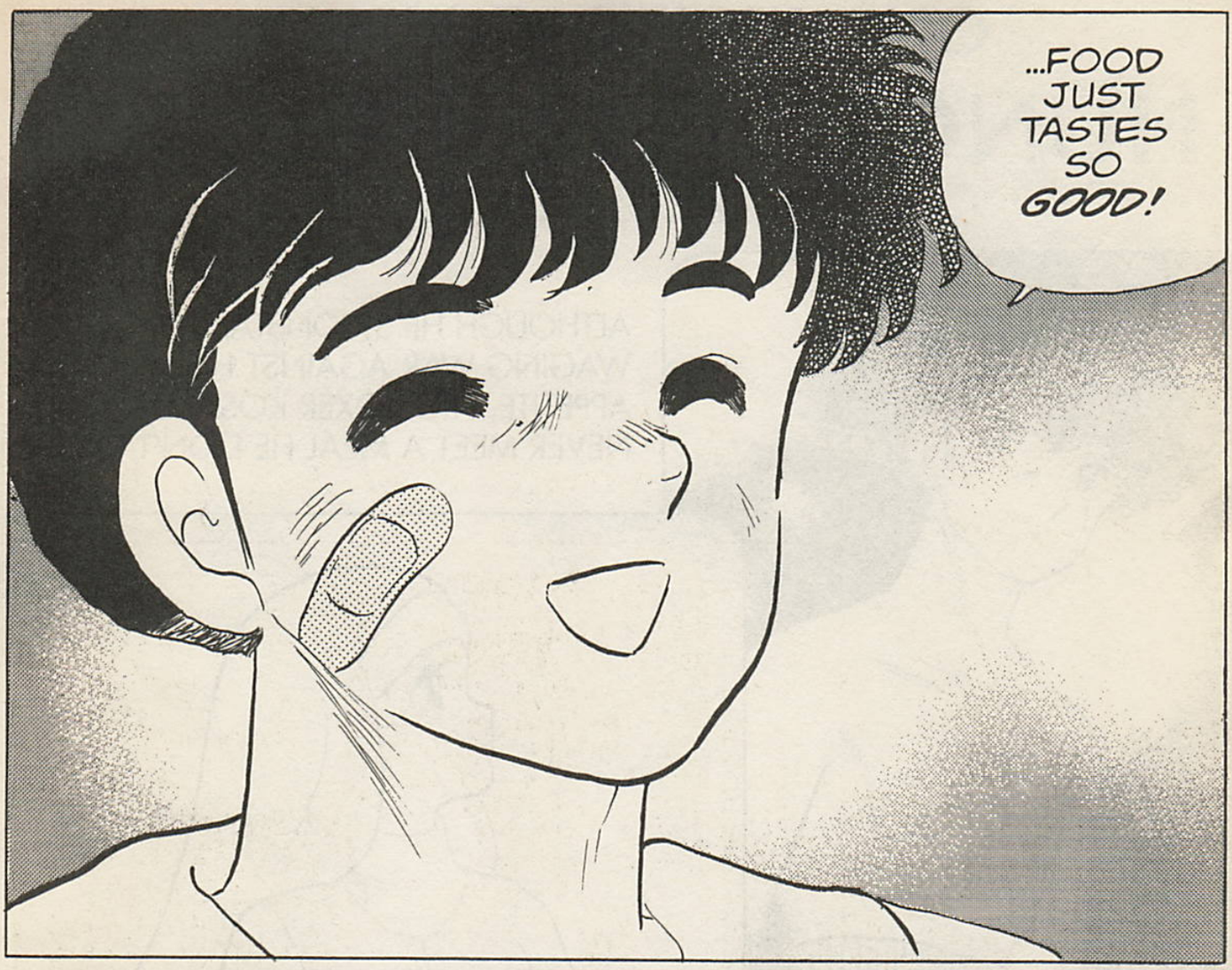

SO WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT BOXING?
DOWN
...
I'M GONNA ASK MY DAD ONE MORE TIME.
I MEAN, RIGHT NOW IT'S JUST FUN, BUT...
I STILL THINK IT'S RIGHT FOR ME.
...EVEN IF I HAVE TO STRUGGLE...
I KNOW THAT I'LL LOVE BOXING JUST AS MUCH AS YOU DO, HATANAKA!
TILL NEXT TIME!
KEEP FIGHTING!
GOOD LUCK!


WAIT A MINUTE.
"LOVE BOXING... JUST AS MUCH AS YOU DO?"
AUTOMATED TICKETING
WELL...

SOME-TIMES I WONDER...
...WHY I'VE NEVER QUIT.


IT'S JUST THAT... AFTER ALL THE TRAINING...


...AFTER ALL THE PAIN... I DON'T KNOW HOW TO SAY IT,
BUT...



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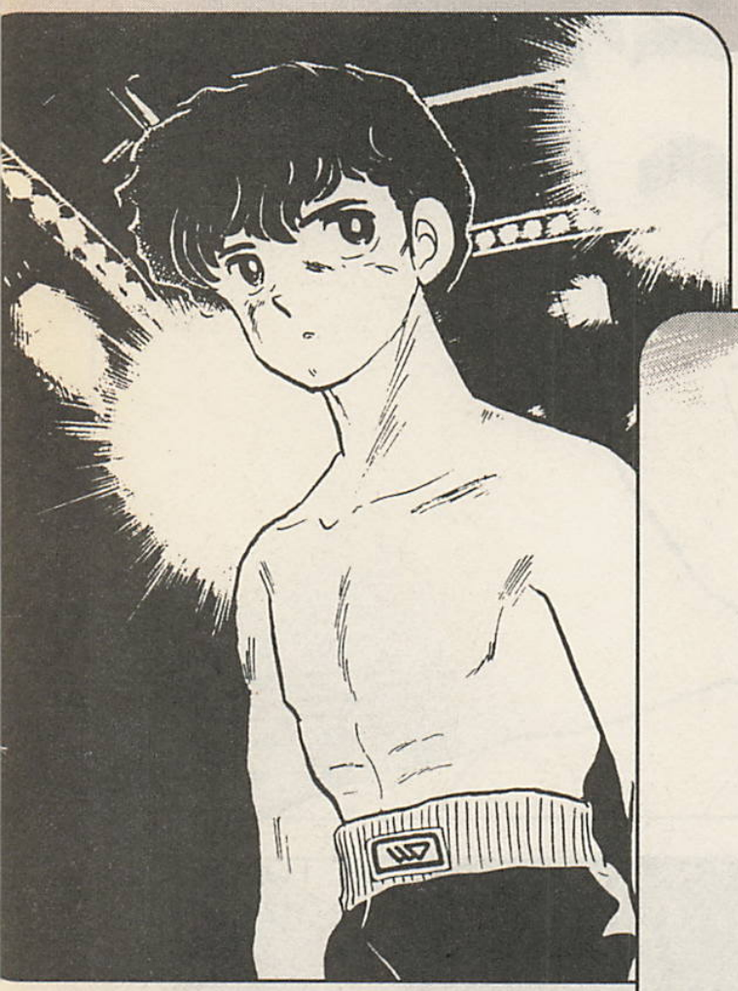
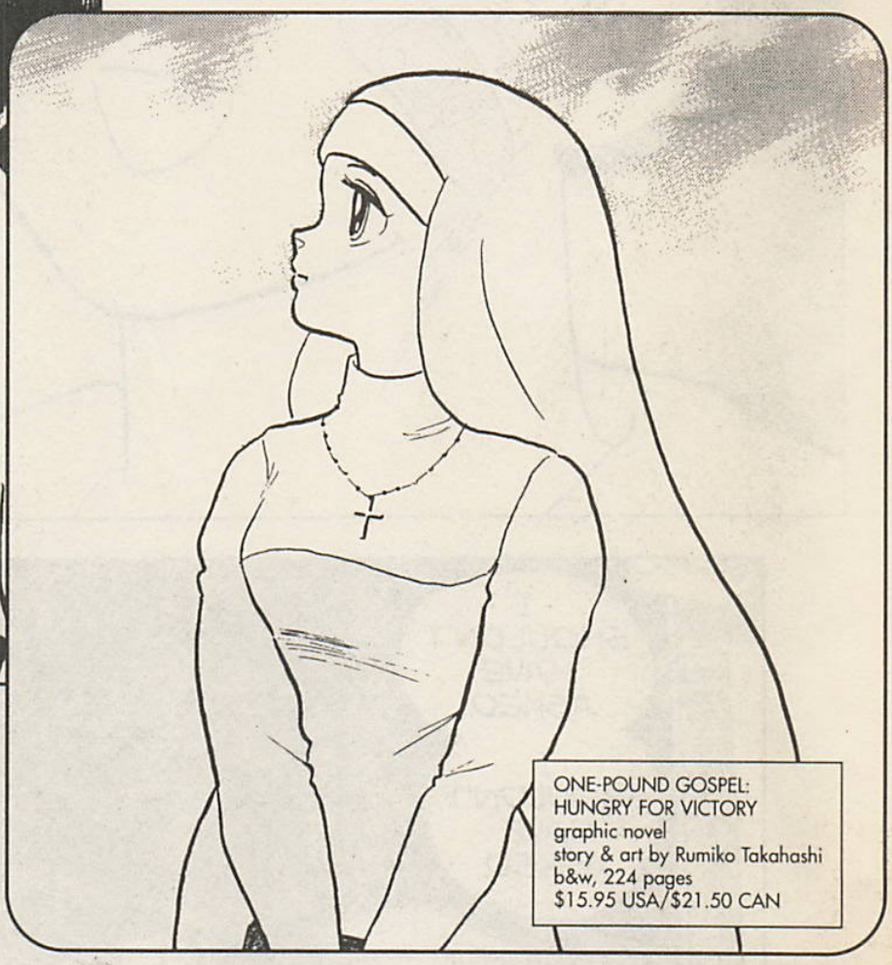


ALTHOUGH HE'S CONSTANTLY WAGING WAR AGAINST HIS APPETITE, PRO BOXER KOSAKU NEVER MEET A MEAL HE DIDN'T LIKE!



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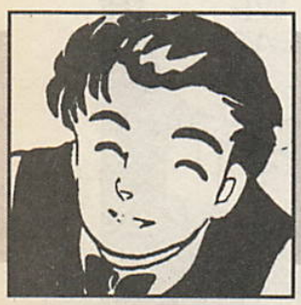

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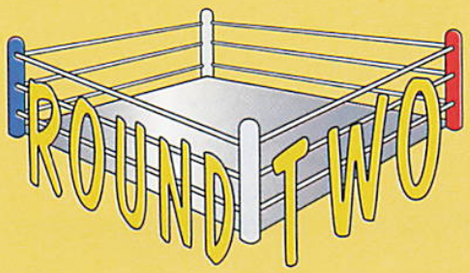

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